## North Dakota Support for the Advanced Clean Coal Technology Investment in Our Nation Act

"We commend Senator Heitkamp for her pragmatic efforts to preserve the use of a vital national resource. Coal has an important role in ensuring our nation has a balanced generation resource mix. Technology is one of the pillars that sustains this role. Wise energy policy is the other. On both, we appreciate Senator Heitkamp's clear vision and dogged determination to represent North Dakota's interests."

- Timothy J. Rogelstad, President, Otter Tail Power Company

"On behalf of Minnkota Power Cooperative, I thank Sen. Heitkamp for her diligent work in ensuring coal continues to play a vital role in our energy future. It is important to realize the real-world costs for developing and implementing advanced clean coal technologies, and this bill looks to provide some of the necessary funding that will hopefully drive down those costs over time. Sen. Heitkamp once again has demonstrated she's a strong leader and a clear voice in developing policy that supports new clean coal technology."

Mac McLennan, President & CEO, Minnkota Power

"We support the need for government to partner with industry and to provide robust cost-share, public sector funding for clean coal technology research, development and demonstration. ... Thank you for your leadership and foresight in the preparation and submittal of this legislation. We will work with you and your cosponsors in the consideration of this important initiative."

- Robert Ambrose, Director, Government Affairs, Great River Energy

"On behalf of all of MDU Resources Group's businesses, we want to thank Senator Heitkamp for her efforts to preserve the critical contributions that coal makes to America's energy supply. Her proposed legislation will help enable the public-private partnerships that are necessary for development of the next generation of clean coal technologies. We appreciate her continued advocacy for a future that values all of our country's natural resources."

- Rick Matteson, Director, Communications and Public Affairs, MDU Resources

"The United States must continue to advance coal as an important component of our current and future energy portfolio. The ACCTION Act provides critical funding necessary to conduct research, development, and demonstration of advanced and transformational technologies for the efficient, economical, and environmentally friendly use of coal."

- Tom Erickson, Director of the University of North Dakota Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)

Other supporters of this legislation include: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Lignite Energy Council, and North Dakota Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives.